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Re: Application of **Akira IDENO, Tadashi MARUYAMA and**  
**Masahiro FURUTANI**  
**EXPRESSION VECTOR, HOST, FUSED PROTEIN, PROCESS FOR**  
**PRODUCING FUSED PROTEIN AND PROCESS FOR PRODUCING**  
**PROTEIN**  
**Assignee: SEKISUI CHEMICAL CO., LTD. and MARINE**  
**BIO TECHNOLOGY INSTITUTE CO., LTD.**  
Our Ref: Q83564

Dear Sir:

The following documents and fees are submitted herewith in connection with the above application for the purpose of entering the National stage under 35 U.S.C. §371 and in accordance with the Patent Cooperation Treaty:

- a copy of the International Application.
- five (5) sheets of drawings.
- an English translation of Article 34 amendments (annexes to the IPER).
- International Search Report, Information Disclosure Statement and a PTO/SB/08 A & B (modified) listing the ISR references.
- a Preliminary Amendment.
- Sequence Listing
- it is expressly requested that the national stage of processing be commenced immediately in accordance with 35 U.S.C. § 371(f)

The a copy of the Declaration and Power of Attorney, and a copy of the Assignment will be submitted at a later date.

It is assumed that copies of the International Application, the International Search Report and cited references, the International Preliminary Examination Report, and any Articles 19 and 34 amendments as required by §371(c) will be supplied directly by the International Bureau, but if further copies are needed, the undersigned will undertake to provide them upon request.



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Priority/Benefit is claimed from:

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